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only as to the effect of my utterances on the
cause I was
championing; I was particularly pleased to
know that the
men doing the work felt that I had helped
them; and as
long as this was so I was merely amused at
the statements
made by some outsiders—especially certain
unhealthy out-
siders of my own land—to the effect that my
"brutality"
of utterance had pained and hampered these
same men who
were doing the work.

The really intelligent Moslems, the men who
earnestly
desired to have the Moslem world advance as
far beyond
what it had been and what it still was as the
Christian world
has advanced beyond the Dark Ages, thanked
me even more
warmly than the English rulers of Africa. But
of course
the Levantine agitators and the fanatics of
the seventh
century type were savage against me. The
native Chris-
tians, both Copts and Syrians, on the other
hand, felt that
I had rendered to them an even greater
service than I had
to the Europeans, and showed their
acknowledgments in
many rather touching ways; and the American
missionaries
—who, as I have already said, were doing
really extraordi-
narily good educational and social work—felt
the same
way.

From Alexandria we sailed across to Naples,
where we
stayed twenty-four hours, and where, both
officially and
popularly, I was received in a way that really
embarrassed
me. For in Naples, when I went to the opera
in the even-
ing, the performance was interrupted for some
ten minutes

while they cheered me, and then processions of people from the university and various other bodies persisted in coming up to be introduced, so that I saw very little of the opera itself. This was a foretaste of what I experienced all through Europe except in Germany. Elsewhere than in Germany I was treated precisely as I used to be treated when as President I made a tour in any part of the United States; there were the same crowds, the same official receptions, the same courtesies and kindnesses, and the same wearing fatigue and hurry, and the same almost complete inability on my part to get time to see the people for whom